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Date: 5/26/66

FROM:

SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT:

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On 4/22/66 ERNEST C. WITHERS, CS, a Negro photographer who has a press card for "Jet Magazine" and who also has a press card for the "Tri-State Defender," agreed to cover the proposed march to begin at noon Saturday, 4/23/66, to march from Union Avenue and Parkway to the Main Post Office, a distance of about five miles, whereupon the marchers would mail letters to prominent U. S. officials, protesting U. S. policy in Vietnam.

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WITHERS agreed that he would cover this posing as a news man but would be alert to take photographs of every participant in the march including identification type photos; in other words, he would make every effort to get good facial views of the participants.

On Saturday, 4/23/66, SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE observed WITHERS at the start of the march route; he arrived there at approximately 11:20 a.m. and remained with the marchers as they formed and thereafter followed the march for the entire route, the march lasting from approximately 11:55 a.m., until after 1:30 p.m. WITHERS it was observed marched the entire route and was observed taking numerous photographs en route. He was further observed to remain in front of the main post office until after 3 p.m. on Saturday, 4/23/66, and took various photographs there covering the conversations with took place between the marchers and bystanders who approached them at this area.

On 4/23/66 he briefly advised the writer that as the march proceeded down Union Avenue past the Downtowner Motel, at Third and Union, that a late model Ford bearing Wisconsin license P-13 containing an elderly gray-haired woman wearing glasses and an elderly gray-haired man wearing glasses was observed parked on the curb near the route of the marchers who were on the sidewalk. As the marchers passed by the elderly woman was observed by WITHERS to get out of the car and to announce in a loud voice to the marchers as they went by "Congratulations on a job well done. We will see you later."

Later at the Main Post Office, where the march terminated. WITHERS saw this same car occupied by the same two people and later observed individuals since identified by the writer as J. PAUL MITCHELL, MSU History Professor; LAWRENCE BEEMAN HARDY, JR., MSU graduate history student; J. KENNETH LIPNER, MSU graduate student; and DANNY DEAN LARRICK and wife MARY CAROLYN LARRICK, both MSU art students, leave in this car. (It is noted that on 4/27/66 J. KENNETH LIPNER, while being interviewed, volunteered that the Wisconsin car was that of the parents of MSU history professor J. PAUL MITCHELL, who were in Memphis for a visit during that period of time.)

WITHERS said that there were 38 persons that he could count actually in the march, plus two Southwestern Students representing the Southwestern College newspaper, JACK BURCH and DICK JENNINGS. These latter two young men stayed with WITHERS during the greater part of the march and carried much of his camera equipment during the march and BURCH took notes during the march, having interviewed various persons therein.

WITHERS recalled that Rev. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON did not join the march at its starting point, Union and Parkway, and instead after the march had proceeded west on Union Avenue LAWSON was observed to be let out of a car driven by his wife at the corner of Parkway and Union. He joined the march in front of the American Oil Company service station on the northwest corner of this intersection and had a series of pamphlets listing reasons why he was opposed to the war in Vietnam which he distributed to the marchers at this point. The marchers subsequently passed these out to bystanders during the remainder of the course of the march. Two negro girls, since identified as VERNA OWEN and HATTIE STANLEY, both Owen College students, also joined the march at this point.

WITHERS is relatively certain that they were brought by LAWSON but did not positively see them get out of LAWSON's car. As the march came to the entrance of Radio Station WDIA, about two blocks west of Cooper and Union, it temporarily stopped while the WDIA news reporter recorded a tape interview with some of the march participants. At this point one of the marchers, PETER CHARLES QUINN told WITHERS that ERIC ANDERSON, aka Frederick C. Anderson, an advertising salesman for Radio Station WDIA, was "a dear friend of ours." He did not elaborate.

QUINN was rather talkative and told WITHERS that he, along with JOSEPH LOUIS RAVIZZA and two brothers, BRUCE and BRIAN MURPHREE, all MSU students, were the editors and publishers of the controversial off-campus publication "Logos," and he invited WITHERS to come by their apartment at 564 Prescott and visit with them and obtain back issues of "Logos."

JAMES MORRIS LAWSON indicated that he actually had sponsored the march, had coordinated it, although he said it was made up of people from various groups.

WITHERS pointed out that the crippled girl on crutches was identified as WANDA STOVALL, a MSU student. and that she marched for the first block and then got into a white station wagon and again joined the marchers when they arrived at the Main Post Office in Memphis. He stated that another individual whose picture he took several times in front of the Post Office with long slick hair, stock build, white male, wearing a gray sweater and checkered sport shirt, since identified as Professor RONALD EDWARD ROBERTS, MSU, joined the march at the Post Office, and argued quite vehemently giving pro-Viet Cong arguments to anyone who would listen to him and that he and Rev. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON seemed to be the most articulate antagonists of U.S. foreign policy during some of the discussions at the entrance to the Post Office which lasted about one and one-half hours after the march. He stated that another young man who was prominent at the Post Office and who had not marched was WILLIAM EARL STANBACK. a Christian Brothers College (CBC) student. WITHERS pointed out that STANBACK seemed to be sympathetic with LAWSON and ROBERTS. He also recalled that a young male Negro, tall thin, wearing hornrimmed glasses and wearing an ROTC uniform of MSU, had started out with the marchers but when photographers started to take his picture his broke and ran and later joined the march near Forest Park, having doffed his ROTC cap and having donned a jacket to disguise his uniform. This young man has since been identified by the writer as MILTON JOHNNIE HIGGS, MSU freshman.

WITHERS stated that he had talked with MAXINE SMITH. Executive Secretary, NAACP, Memphis, who was bitterly opposed to the march and stated that she did not want any of the NAACP young people participating in this march. She was concerned to learn that WILLIAM E. STANBACK had participated in any portion of the march and stated that STANBACK was defying NAACP instructions and that the NAACP was concerned because it had paid his way to the 1965 NAACP Convention of the NAACP held in Denver, Colorado. She pointed out that she could not control what Rev. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR., did, despite the fact that he is on the Executive Board of the Memphis NAACP. She said that LAWSON is virtually a "professional opponent of U. S. policy in Vietnam" and that any utterances made by him in this regard do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NAACP which it purposely has remained aloof from any involvement in the Vietnam issue.

On 4/26/66 WITHERS furnished the writer some 80 8X10 photographs which he had taken during this march and since that time the following individuals have been positively identified as reflected in individual memorandums. They are as follows:

KELL FREEMAN MITCHELL, JR., History Professor, MSU

Dr. ABRAHAM DAVID KRIEGEL MSU History Professor

REVA MARK KRIEGEL MSU History Instructor and wife of Dr. ABRAHAM KRIEGEL

J. PAUL MITCHELL
MSU History Instructor

Rev. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR.

RODNEY PUTNAM GATES, JR.

WANDA STOVALL

CLEVE LANIER ANDERSON

JOSEPH LOUIS RAVIZZA

PETER CHARLES QUINN

DAVID DYBEK

DALE RICHARD CALDWELL

ALLAN BATES

KENNETH JAY, whose real name is J. KENNETH LIPNER, MSU graduate student

VERNA OWEN, Owen College Student, female Negro

HATTIE STANLEY, Owen College student, female Negro

Mrs. JEAN ANTOINE MORRISON wife of MSU German Instructor JEAN ANTOINE MORRISON

RONALD EDWARD ROBERTS, MSU Sociology Instructor

WILLIAM DRAKE CLARK 1965 MSU graduate, allegedly now a Welfare worker in Memphis

LAWRENCE BEEMAN HARDY, JR.
MSU graduate student in History Department

WILLIAM WREN RYAN, JR., MSU senior

JACK BURCH and DICK JENNINGS, both Southwestern College students, covering the march for the Southwestern paper

JOE JACKSON, an Indian who was wearing a suit in the march and who has not been further identified,

The former MARY CAROLYN CAMPBELL, now known as Mrs. MARY CAROLYN LARRICK; and her husband DANNY DEAN LARRICK, both MSU students who are majoring in art

SHERRIE FOREST, Southwestern freshman and girl friend of JOE RAVIZZA

RICHARD MALLORY BARNES. MSU student

JOSEPH P. REDMOND. MSU student

SHARON REPULT, MSU student.

As soon as these photographs have been shown to additional sources in an effort to identify all participants in the march, they will be filed as a serial in 100-4285, and where necessary individual sections of these group photographs will be made in order that pictures may be placed in individual case files of some of the participants.

WITHERS pointed out that had not the Memphis Police Department given the march such close coverage that undoubtedly many young college age students and off-duty military men from the Naval Air Station (NAS), Memphis, would have physically beaten the marchers because many of the people on the parade route were bitterly opposed to the shaming anti-American sentiments manifested by the marchers and the placards carried by them, their mannerisms, their beatnik appearance, and their seemingly arrogant attitudes.

WITHERS pointed out that he feels he now has a good rapport with JAMES MORRIS LAWSON and will attempt to follow up on any logical contacts in the future.

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